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Applicant(s): ZHOU et al.

Serial No: 10/034,014

Title: DOOR SUSPENSION APPARATUS

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**DECLARATION OF TERRI L. FOX**

Sir:

Terri L. Fox, administrative assistant to the attorney for the applicants in the above-identified patent application, declares as follows:

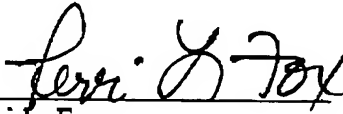
1. On December 20, 2001, I prepared the above-identified patent application for filing by Express Mail. At that time, my normal procedure for filing a patent application was to place the application in an Express Mail envelope and then into a USPS Express Mail drop box in the mail room in our office building prior to the scheduled 5 p.m. pickup time.

2. My normal procedure for filing a patent application, since before December 20, 2001, has included noting on the front of the patent application file folder the date of mailing by Express Mail on the same day that I deposited the application in the Express Mail drop box and then immediately returning the file folder to the responsible attorney. Attached is a copy of the front of our file folder for the above-identified patent application showing in my handwriting the notation "12/20/01 Patent App to PTO by Exp. Mail".

3. Based upon my normal patent application filing procedures, I believe that I deposited the above-identified patent application in the Express Mail drop box in the mail room in our office building and placed the notation "12/20/01 Patent App to PTO by Exp. Mail" on the front of the file folder on December 20, 2001.

4. That all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM J. CLEMENS**

Sir:

William J. Clemens, attorney for the applicants in the above-identified patent application, declares as follows:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, applicants petitioned that a filing date of December 20, 2001, be accorded to the above-identified patent application that was USPS Express Mailed to the USPTO on that date.

2. On December 20, 2001, I requested my administrative assistant, Terri L. Fox, to file the above-identified patent application by Express Mail. At that time, her normal procedure for filing a patent application was to place the application in an Express Mail envelope and then into a USPS Express Mail drop box in the mail room in our office building prior to the scheduled 5 p.m. pickup time. She informed me that she followed her normal procedure in filing the above-identified patent application. However, the USPS did not return the Express Mail label to us.

3. Ms. Fox's normal procedure for filing a patent application, since before December 20, 2001, has included noting on the front of the patent application file folder the date of mailing by Express Mail and then immediately returning the file folder to me. Attached is a copy, prepared by me, of the front of our file folder for the above-identified patent application showing in Ms. Fox's handwriting the notation "12/20/01 Patent App to PTO by Exp. Mail".


4. Upon receiving the file folder from Ms. Fox, my normal procedure includes checking for the date of mailing notation on the front of the file folder.

5. Ms. Fox and I have worked together since 1991. Based upon my knowledge of our patent application filing procedures, I believe that Ms. Fox placed the notation "12/20/01 Patent App to PTO by Exp. Mail" on the front of the file folder for the above-identified patent application on December 20, 2001 prior to returning that file folder to me.

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## OFFICE ACTIONS

## AMENDMENTS

12/20/01 Patent App to PTO by Exp. Mail  
3/20/02 IDS due  
3/7/02 Petition to PTO  
4/8/02 MP due  
3/25/02 Response to MP sent to PTO  
3/25/02 Information Disclosure Statement sent to PTO  
3/25/02 Presentation of Assignment sent to PTO  
3/29/02 Letter to Official Draftman to  
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